Narmada Dam and Sardar Sarovar Project

1415. SHRI SANAT MEHTA:
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:
SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the controversy regarding height of Narmada Dam (Sardar Sarovar Dam) has finally been resolved;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard and the height of dam agreed to; and

(c) the progress made so far in the completion of Sardar Sarovar Project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) In a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan convened by the Prime Minister on 15.7.1996 and 16.7.1996 in New Delhi to discuss the issue of the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam, the following was agreed to :

"Construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam may proceed as planned, limiting the Full Reservoir level to 132.68 metres (436 feet) in the first instance. Thereafter the data for actual flow of water in the dam will be observed for a period of five years. If during any three out of these five years, the flow of water-discharge is adequate as assessed in the award, the decision regarding raising the reservoir level to 138.68 metres (455 feet) could be considered.

Construction of the dam will proceed *pari-passu* with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons as per terms of the Award and relief and rehabilitation Policies laid down by the states in this regard. The states shall ensure speedy and proper implementation of the relief and rehabilitation measures."

(c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Progress in construction of the Project
Physical Progress as on 30.9.96

Sl.No	Component	Excavation %	Concreting %	Drilling %
1.	Main Dam	99.85	88.22	75.89
2.	River Bed Power House			
	Open	84.57		
	Underground	92.10		
3.	Canal Head Power House	nearing completion	99.20	
4.	Vadgam Saddle Dam	-do-	Completed	
		Earthwork %	*Lining %*	*Structural Concrete%*
5.	Narmada Main Canal			
	(0 to 144 km)	97.42	95.14	76.63
6.	Branch Canals			
	Phase-I (0 to 144.5 km)	82.61	63.61	73.32
7.	Distribution System	65.32	56.41	51.47
	(0 to 144 km)			

The project as planned is expected to be completed by 2000 A.D. However, timely completion of the project depends on *pari-passu* implementation of resettlement & rehabilitation measures and environmental safeguards in the territories of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.

[Translation]

National Water Resources Council

1416. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted the National Water Resources Council in 1983;

(b) if so, the details thereof alonwith the names of the Chairman and Members of this Council;

(c) whether this Council has been holding its meetings from time to time in the past years to take policy decision for resolving the problems in regard to water;

(d) if so, the dates on which and the places, where the meetings of this Council took place after its inception and the details of the decisions taken therein; and

(e) the details of the decision which have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the National Water Resources Council was set up on 10th March, 1983. The functions of the Council are as follows:-

(i) To lay down the National Water Policy and to review it from time to time;

(ii) To consider and review development plans submitted to it (including alternative plans) by the National Water Development Agency, the River Basin Commissions, etc.;

(iii) To recommend acceptance of these plans with such modifications as may be considered appropriate and necessary;

(iv) To give directions for carrying out such further studies as may be necessary for full consideration of the Plans or component thereof;

(v) To advise on the modalities of resolving inter-State differences with regard to specific elements of these plans and such other issues that may arise during planning or implementation of the projects;

(vi) To advise on practices and procedures, administrative arrangements and regulations for fair distribution and utilisation of water resources by different beneficiaries keeping in view optimum development and the maximum benefits to the people; and

(vii) To make such other recommendations as would foster expeditious, environmentally sound and economical development of Water Resources in various regions.

As per present composition of the Council, the Prime Minister is its Chairman, Union Minister of Water Resources is its Vice-Chairman and Union Ministers of Finance, Agriculture, Power, Welfare, Rural Areas & Employment, Urban Affairs & Employment, Planning, Surface Transport, Science & Technology, Environment & Forests, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Ministers of states and Administrators of Union Territories are Members. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources is the Secretary of National Water Resources Council.

(c) to (e) The Council has held three meetings so far in New Delhi. In the first meeting of National Water Resources Council held on 30.10.1995, it was decided to prepare a National Water Policy. In the second meeting of the council held on 9.9.1987, the National Water Policy was adopted. In the third meeting of National Water Resources Council held on 06.02.1996 it was decided to refer draft National Policy Guidelines on various important issues relating to water resources development to National Water Board for modification wherever required, in consultation with the States.

[English]

Missile Capability of Pakistan

1417. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fomer US Defence Secretary, Mr. William Perry immediately after relinquishing his office, confirmed China's M-11 Missile transfers to Pakistan and predicted that Islamabad would soon have a full-fledged missile capability; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Government are aware of news-item that reported a question and answer session which had followed an address by former US Defence Secretary William Perry at the Brookings Institute, wherein he was reported to have said that Pakistan in time, could and will develop its own missile programme and what is clear, with the Chinese help in both missiles and missile production technology assistance to Pakistan, is that it is accelerating the process.

(b) Government is aware of missile capabilities of countries in our neighbourhood, including Pakistan. All developments having a bearing on national security are constantly monitored. Government appropriate defence preparedness.

[Translation]

Moral Education

1418. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to impart moral education to the children in the Government schools of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said decision is likely to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, recommendations on moral Education given in Part-I of the report of a Committee constituted by them have been implemented. The Committee's recommendation in this part include activities like morning assembly, weekly and monthly assembly, celebrations in connection with important events, community work and Social service, activities relating to NSS, NCC, Red Cross, cleanliness campaigns, yoga and games, etc.